

ACCIDENT REVEALS WHITE SLAVE CLUE

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Crash at Metuchen Believed to
Have Saved Florida Girl

Terrible Fate

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PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Oct. 17.—As the result of an automobile accident in Metuchen on Monday, special agents of the Department of Justice are of the opinion that they have captured one of the leaders of a vast white slave ring and have saved a girl under 18 years of age from a horrible fate.

Michael Tropiano, of 1439 East Tenth Street, Jacksonville, Fla., charged with having persuaded and enticed Helen Childers of the same city to accompany him to Brooklyn, was sent to the Hudson County jail in default of \$10,000 bail when arraigned before United States Commissioner John A. Delaney here at noon today. The girl was placed under \$1,000 bail as a material witness and was also sent to the institution.

It is believed Trapiano, carried on the white slave traffic while posing as a barber in the city of Jacksonville. With the Childers girl he started for Brooklyn in an automobile. At Metuchen, the car was in an accident and at the first opportunity the girl informed the police of what was taking place and they in turn notified the Department of Justice.

Trapiano and his activities are well known to the police. He served five years, according to his record, in Sing Sing prison for shooting a man and was arrested three times in Florida, for bootlegging. When arraigned before Commissioner Delaney he was handcuffed.

Department of Justice agents will communicate with the girl's parents who reported her as missing.

LEVINE EXPECTED IN COURT TODAY

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Surrenders to Warrant in Connection with Booze Cleanup

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In Trenton

Two more arrests yesterday, making three in two days, of alleged principals in Trenton's bootleg ring, were made by Federal authorities in connection with the liquor investigation being conducted.

Phillip Levine, whose address was given as 118 Lee Avenue, in response to notice from Chief United States Deputy Marshal Snowden, surrendered himself at the office of United States Commissioner Wilson here. As the commissioner was not in his office when Levine arrived, he was not arraigned but is expected to appear today for a hearing.

Earlier in the day Abe Mogul, of 139 Cooper Street, named in the same warrant with Levine, according to the authorities, was arrested by Deputy Marshal Snowden, charged with illegal possession and transportation of liquor, and held in \$5,000 bail for the U. S. Grand Jury by Commissioner Wilson, when he waived a hearing.

Levine and Mogul are connected by the authorities with the seizure of a truck loaded with 110 cases of alleged liquor, by Patrolman Thomas Jones at North Clinton Avenue and Ott Street, last Wednesday. It was determined that the truck's registration was in Mogul's name.

Beyond admitting the three arrests were made in connection with the cleanup investigation being conducted here to wipe out the source of liquor supplies, the authorities refused to discuss the case any further.

Nathan Aroniss, of Bryn Mawr and Stuyvesant Avenues, the first of the trio arrested on Tuesday by Snowden's aides, was placed under \$7,500 bond by Commissioner Wilson on the same charges of illegal transportation of liquor as the others were held under. Aroniss is the former alleged proprietor of the Bismarck Cafe, of Hanover Street, and is under additional bond for dry law charges still pending.

FORMAN PROMOTED AS RESERVE MAJOR

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Philip Forman, of Trenton, United States district attorney for New Jersey, has accepted a commission as major in the Judge Advocate General Reserve Corps, the War Department has announced. It is stated at the department that Forman has for several years held a commission in the New Jersey National Guard and also a commission as captain in the United States Reserve Corps.

Major Forman will not be required to attend a training camp for two weeks each year, as reserve officers in other branches of the military service do, it was said, and will probably not be called at all except in case of emergency.

LEVINE IS UNDER BAIL AS LIQUOR OFFENDER

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Charged with violating liquor laws, Philip Levine, of 118 Lee Avenue, was released in \$5,000 bail yesterday by United States Commissioner Wilson. He and Abe Mogul, of 139 Cooper Street, who was held in similar bail Wednesday, were arrested following the seizure of a truck, loaded with alleged liquor, at North Clinton Avenue and Ott Street, by Trenton police.